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REMARKS

Examiner Shakeri has rejected claims 1, 2 and 13-17 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Shakeri for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claims 3-12 if rewritten.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for the reasons recognized by Examiner Shakeri. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the restraint as previously recited in claim 5 and the lock as previously recited in claim 7. Likewise, claims 18-20 have been added further defining the present invention in a similar manner as recited in claims 7, 8 and 9. It is respectfully submitted that Chen (2002/0170392) or the admitted prior art does not suggest a restraint and/or a lock as recited in claims 1 and 18-20 of the application. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections based upon the prior art have been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A, B and D. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

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Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's bit-driving apparatus which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1-20, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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